



APRALO Newsletter, April 2018

ICANN Update

[The Middle East Domain Name System Forum](#) (#MEDNSF) was held in Ankara, Turkey from 25-26 April, marking the fifth anniversary of the DNS Forum in Turkey.



ICANN ME GSE Manager Fahd Batayneh and APRALO ALAC Member Hadia Elminiawi with APRALO Leaders Ali Almeshal, Wafa Dahmani, and Nadira Alaraj at #MEDNSF

On 10 April 2018, ICANN organized a [Webinar on the Draft Final Report of the NomCom2 Review](#) and announced [NextGen participants for ICANN62](#), coming from Latin American Universities.

Policy Update

All of APRALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large Staff](#).

The following public comments were announced in April:

- [ICANN Reserve Fund: Proposed Replenishment Strategy](#) by 25 April 2018
- [Initial Report on Review of the Customer Standing Committee \(CSC\) Charter](#) by 1 June 2018
- [Second Review of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee \(SSAC2\) Survey](#) by 18 May 2018

ICANN Community members were also invited to participate in several [ICANN organizational reviews](#):

- [Specific Reviews](#)
- [NomCom2 Review Draft Final Report](#)

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified 5 ALAC Statements in April, with 3+ Statements in development. The ratified ones are as follows:

- [Draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project \(NCAP\)](#) As the principle voice of end users within the ICANN community, the ALAC supported the SSAC in its efforts to address the issue of Name Collisions, while encouraging clarity on the SSAC's bidding process for work contemplated under the Draft Project Plan.
- [Plan to Restart the Root Key Signing Key \(KSK\) Rollover Process](#) The ALAC provided several recommendations to ICANN regarding the impending KSK Rollover, and called for a holistic review including a risk assessment of the alternatives, in time for further discussion at ICANN62.
- [Data Protection/Privacy Issues: ICANN-proposed Interim Model](#) Overall, the ALAC agreed with the Interim Compliance Model's tiered access approach, while remaining divided on several other issues including purposes of processing WHOIS data, applying the Interim Model on a global basis, and distinction between legal and natural persons.
- [Draft Procedure for Community gTLD Change Requests](#) Community TLDs are of crucial importance to At-Large. The ALAC supported the Draft Procedure (including the proposed Community gTLD Change Request Form), subject to three provisos articulated in the Statement: (1) Required outreach to the TLD community, (2) Change request comment period, and (3) Approval criteria.
- [ICANN Fellowship Program Community Consultation](#) The ALAC suggested that changes (i.e. metrics to gauge ROI, tracking outreach and engagement of the Fellows in their respective communities) are required in order to achieve greater effectiveness of the Program, not only to meet At-Large policy goals relating to the DNS.

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)

APRALO Elections Update

Positions

- ALAC Member (RALO), 2018 AGM to 2020 AGM
- APRALO Chair, 2018 AGM to 2020 AGM
- APRALO Vice Chair, 2018 AGM to 2020 AGM
- Secretariat (Discretionary Appointment), 2018 AGM to 2020 AGM
- ALAC Delegate to the NomCom, 2018 AGM to 2019 AGM

Selection Timetable for 2018 APRALO Leadership Members

- 23 April 2018 - Announcement of call for nominations and Nominee's Statement.*
- 23 April - 4 May 2018 - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).

- 11 May 2018 - Deadline for nomination acceptances
- 14 May - 18 May 2018 - Elections (If required, elections will begin no later than one week after the deadline for nomination acceptances and end no later than two weeks after that deadline).
- 2018 AGM [ICANN 63] - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the ALAC Wrap Up Session during the 2018 AGM

See: [2018 APRALO Regional Selections](#)

APAC Space Update

- ICANN India organized an ICANN61 Readout on 19 April 2018, hosted by the International Institute of Information Technology - Bangalore (IIIT-B). During the readout, APRALO Chair, Satish Babu gave an update on highlights from ICANN61 as well as discussions held by the At Large Advisory Committee. Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI, presented on the ICANN FY19 Operating Plan and Budget. Other topics discussed included NomCom, GDPR and WHOIS Compliance, Universal Acceptance and the Neo Brahmi Generation Panel (NBGP).
- The deadline to respond to the [APAC Space Survey 2018](#) has been extended to 30 April 2018.
- The next [APAC Space Web Conference](#) is scheduled 8 May 2018 at 03:00 UTC.

At-Large Highlights

- The second At-Large Capacity Building Program - 2018, on the topic of "[Compliance of the Whois registration data with GDPR \(Interim Model\)](#)" was held on 18 April 2018.
- The [ALAC Monthly Call](#) was held on 24 April 2018.
- Comments were invited from the community on the following:
 - [CCWG-Accountability WS2 Final Report](#)
 - [ICANN Reserve Fund: Proposed Replenishment Strategy](#)
 - [Draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project \(NCAP\)Data Protection/Privacy Issues Update: Soliciting Community Input on Article 29 Guidance](#)
 - [Initial Report on Review of the Customer Standing Committee \(CSC\) Charter](#)
- Nominations are open for [2018 ALAC Members, RALO Leaders and ALAC Delegates to the NomCom](#).

APRALO Highlights

- ISOC Chapter Indonesia Jakarta was newly certified as an At-Large Structure (ALS).



"The objective of ISOC Indonesia is to optimize membership, engage with the youth, promote internet literacy, encourage inclusive Internet and establish cooperation with government, Internet related organizations. Currently the ALS has 30 members from the IT community."

- The [APRALO Monthly Call](#) was held on 19 April 2018.

ALS Highlights



ISOC Yemen conducts a workshop on Internet Governance

The Internet Society Yemen Chapter, in collaboration with the Internet Society, conducted a workshop on Internet Governance on 2 April 2018 in Sana'a, Yemen.

Thirty participants from different multi-stakeholder groups participated in the workshop. The workshop reviewed how the current model of internet governance. Discussions were held on current and future IG challenges and risks, such as internet fragmentation and the potential approaches to reinforce internet freedom, privacy protection.

The workshop focused on how to engage the Middle East region in order to unify its vision regarding Internet Governance. Diverse speakers participated in the workshop, including Internet experts from the ISOC Yemen chapter, a representative of the governmental business party, the Public Telecommunication Corporation. The ICANN Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Middle East, Fahd Batayneh, joined remotely, along with Walid Al-saqqaf, ISOC Board of Trustees Member.

For more details visit [this link](#).

Update from the APRALO Delegate to the NomCom

In early April, the NomCom held a three day meeting in Washington DC to evaluate the 109 applications received for various leadership positions in ICANN. A preliminary "first-cut" list of 37 individuals will be interviewed over the telephone in the coming weeks, while applicants who were not shortlisted will be informed accordingly.

The NomCom will continue to evaluate applicants and a small number of finalists will be invited to in-person interviews during [ICANN62 in Panama City](#), where the NomCom will make its final selection of candidates for the Board, GNSO, ALAC and ccNSO.

See: [Nominating Committee 2018 Updates](#)

by Nadira Al-Araj, ALAC-APRALO delegate to the NomCom 2018

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- [The Second School of Internet Governance Afghanistan](#) organized by NITPAA and ISOC Afghanistan will be held in Kabul, Afghanistan, between 29 April - 1 May, 2018.
 - [The Second Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan](#) will be held in Kabul, Afghanistan, between 1 -3 May 2018.
 - [The ICANN Domain Name System \(DNS\) Symposium](#) (IDS 2018) will be held on 13 July 2018, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
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